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SUBJECT: EOP – TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY

<u>Purpose.</u> To inform NRCS employees of *Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day*.

Expiration Date. April 30, 2004.

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day - Thursday, April 22, 2004

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day's 2004 theme is Today's Vision, Tomorrow's Reality. The Ms. Foundation wanted to increase the awareness and broaden the discussion of the many challenges balancing work and families.

The Families and Work Institute conducted a study in which 90 percent of students said they plan to have a job and also plan to have children. Eighty one percent of those girls and almost 60 percent of boys said they plan to reduce their work hours when they have children. In the 10 years that Ms. Foundation organized *Take Our Daughters to Work Day*, they realized how difficult it will be for children to realize those expectations. *Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work* reaches a new working generation working towards a more balanced life and introduces girls and boys to a discussion about the future of their workplace.

Minnesota NRCS encourages employees to invite their child/children between the ages of 9 to 15 to spend the day, or part of the day, with them at work. What a great opportunity to explain NRCS careers, explain your position and hopefully, show what NRCS does best – getting conservation practices on the land and protecting our valuable natural resources.

Please remember that children are not able to ride in a government vehicle. If you plan to take your child/children to a field activity, you need to use your personal vehicle. For more information, please contact Sandy Jerzak, FWP Manager at (507) 537-0541.

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